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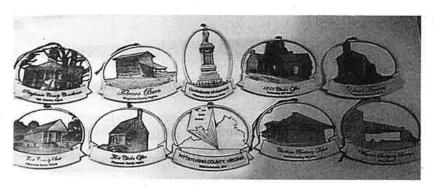
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We are pleased to provide you with this gift catalog just in time for the holidays! All proceeds from sales go towards supporting the work of the Pittsylvania Historical Society. Please visit our (https://www.pittsylvaniahistory.org/giftswebsite store collectibles and https://www.pittsylvaniahistory.org/books) to purchase. The items not available in the website store (such as the Christmas ornaments, the map, and the historical posters) may be purchased by mailing your order and payment to Pittsylvania Historical Society, P.O. Box 1186, Chatham VA 24531. All prices include shipping and handling. Books and publications may also be purchased at the library in the old depot/History Center located at 340 Whitehead Street in Chatham and at selected local retailers (email us for more information about retail locations).

Christmas Ornaments

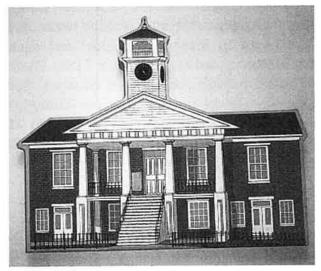
Several Christmas ornaments are available in our shop and depict historical landmarks from various parts of the county. A detailed description of each landmark is inscribed on the back. \$16 each



Top row, left to right: county courthouse; tobacco barn; Confederate monument; 1813 clerk's office; Yates Tavern. Second row, left to right: first county seat; first clerk's office; Pittsylvania County; Chatham railway depot; and Wayside swinging bridge

Wooden Cutouts

The decorative wooden cutouts are perfect for displaying on your desk, bookshelf, or holiday village. \$24



1853 courthouse



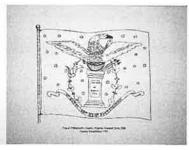
Flue-cured tobacco barn

Note Cards

Note cards of local historic sites are available in packets of five cards and envelopes. \$9

Choose from one of the designs below:





Yates Tavern



County flag



Courthouse

First clerk's office

Books

1767-1967: Eighteenth Century Landmarks of Pittsylvania County, Virginia by Frances Hallam Hurt (soft cover) \$15. Photographic essays regarding over 45 eighteenth century homes and buildings.

A Cruel Wind Blowing (paperback) by Kenyon McCann \$16. Civil War era historical novel.

An Intimate History of the American Revolution in Pittsylvania County, Virginia (hardcover or paperback) by Frances Hallam Hurt \$22. A fascinating and carefully researched history of Pittsylvania County's role in the Revolution.

A Visitor's Guide to Early Industry in Pittsylvania County by Herman Melton (pamphlet) \$10. A brief description of some of the county's principal historic industrial sites.

Confederate Son (hardcover) by Hugh D. McCormick \$18. Autobiography and memoir (1993).

Dust, Mud and Steam (hardcover) by Woodell L. Saunders \$20. A memoir of life as a sawmill man.

The History and Development of Competition, the Original Part of the Town of Chatham by Langhorne Jones, Jr. (pamphlet) \$7

The History of Pittsylvania County, Virginia (hardcover) by Maud Carter Clement \$29. The classic county history, first published in 1929.

Pickett's Charge at Gettysburg, July 3, 1863, as told by Pickett's Men (pamphlet) \$5

Pittsylvania County's Historic Courthouse: The Story Behind Ex Parte Virginia and the Making of a National Landmark (soft cover) by Herman Melton \$17. The history of the county courthouse and the landmark civil rights decision Ex Parte Virginia.

Pittsylvania County Virginia Inventories and Accounts Current 1770-1797 by Lucille Payne (hardcover) \$35. Compiled from courthouse records.

Pittsylvania's Eighteenth Century Grist Mills (hardcover) by Herman Melton \$27. The history of nearly 100 eighteenth century grist mills in the county.

Pittsylvania's Nineteenth Century Grist Mills (hardcover) by Herman Melton \$27. The history of over 75 nineteenth century grist mills in the county, referencing over 300 county families.

Pittsylvania Homes and People of the Past (hardcover) by Madelene Vaden Fitzgerald \$22. Photographic essays regarding over eighty historic homes in the county.

Tales About People in a Small Town by Langhorne Jones, Sr. \$7. Anecdotes from longtime Chatham judge Langhorne Jones.

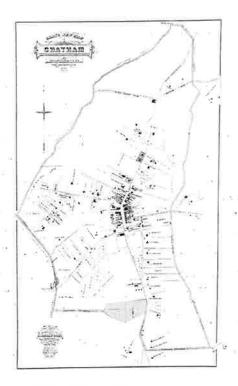
Thank God He Survived Pickett's Charge!: The Story of Private James Farthing (hardcover) by Carl L. Sell, Jr. \$25. The story of a Confederate veteran, told by his great grandson.

"Thirty-nine Lashes—Well Laid On:" Crime and Punishment in Southside Virginia (hardcover) by Herman Melton \$26. A history of crime and punishment in Southside Virginia.

Who Were Those Other Heroes with Armistead at the Guns: Another Insight into Gettysburg's Final Attack (soft cover) by Carl L. Sell, Jr. \$25. The stories of some of the county's Civil War soldiers.

Other

Map



Gray's 1878 map of Chatham \$10

Posters

Thanks to a generous donation by the Ricketts family, we are now able to offer the attractive and informative history posters created by preeminent local historian Danny Ricketts. The 32 items listed and described below are available for \$10 each. Please email us at pittsylvaniahistoricalsociety@gmail.com to purchase.

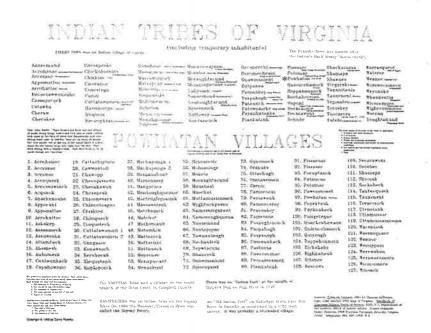
- 1. William Byrd's 1728 Survey of Boundary Line VA-NC Map with campsites and entries from Byrd's diary. 11" X 14"
- 2. Main Street/Canal area of Danville, VA in 1871 showing covered bridge and 1796 Mill. Limited printing of 500 copies, each signed and numbered by artist Danny Ricketts in 1993. The original site for the beginning of Riverside Cotton Mills (now Dan River Inc.) is traced back to the original land grant. 11"X14"
- 3. **Danville, VA 1819 Property Owners** for the first 119 lots shown on map. Name and date of purchase of the first lots sold beginning in 1796. Much more historical information. 11"x14"
- 4. Danville, VA. Property owner tax lists for 1797 and 1819. Exact copies of the original handwritten court records. 11"X 14.5"
- 5. **Map of Lots in Danville, VA, 1877** showing businesses and property owners. 11"X17.5"
- 6. Capt. John & William Dix, Revolutionary War Patriots. Much history about Pittsylvania Co. including a list of the 30 members of the Committee of Safety, Oath of Allegiance, List of the 27 Revolutionary War captains, lieutenants, and ensigns. Dix claims at the Court of Claims including hundreds of soldiers,

horses, and wagons transported across Dan River at Dix's Ferry. 11"X 14"

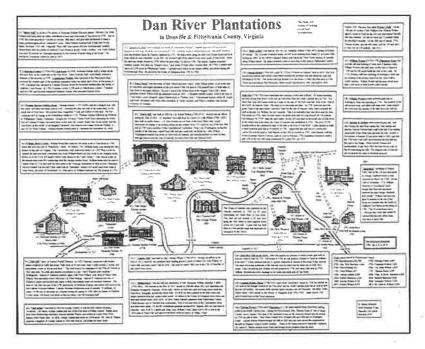
- 7. Porter Flagg (b 1808 Mass.) Stagecoach Driver. Early Free Black Property Owners. Flagg Island. Maps of Flagg Island and property on Dan River. 11" X 14"
- 8. United States Mail Coaches, Southwest Line. Stage Line Map circa 1830. Milton, NC to Fredericksburg, VA. Cross Stages to Danville, Lynchburg, Richmond, Orange Court House, Charlottesville Goochland Court House. The line continued to Powelton, Georgia. List of distances between taverns and Court Houses. 1830's woodcut of stage. 11" X 13.5"
- 9. **Historical Map Danville, VA area**. Roads Streams Houses Mills. Entries from President George Washington's Diary: crossed Dan River here in 1791. 11" X 14" (#20 below is a larger revised edition of this poster).
- 10. William Wynne & Sons Land. Land Grants Danville, VA area. William Wynne and his sons owned more than 3,500 acres in what is now south Danville. History of the Wynne family and early Danville. Photo of his Wynne's 17th century 200 lb. iron family chest from England is on poster. Info on Indian Villages, First Blacks, Water Powered Grist Mills (Wynne's Mill c. 1754). 17.5" X 22.5"
- 11. Col. John Donelson's migration from Pittsylvania Co. to Nashville, TN area in 1779. Map shows parts of Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Missouri, and Illinois. Donelson was in charge of about 30 boats with 40 families who traveled by water 985 miles down the Holston, and Tennessee Rivers and up the Ohio and Cumberland to Nashville. Capt. James Robertson led men and

animals over land to meet the others there. Over 100 names of the early setters. Entries from Donelson's Diary of the trip. Daughter Rachel, born in Pittsylvania Co., was 12 years old during the trip and later married President Andrew Jackson. 17.5" X 22.5"

- 12. **1850 Historical Map of part of Pittsylvania Co**. Roads Streams Houses Mills. Chalk Level, Mt. Airy, Markham, Sonans, & Greenfield Church. NE of Chatham, the county seat. 11" X 17"
- 13. **Danville, VA in April 1865. Last Capital 1865 Map**. Danville showing the location of houses where the Confederate Cabinet stayed at the time of the surrender at Appomattox Court House. Sutherlin Mansion & Prisons where thousands of Union Soldiers died. 11" X 22"

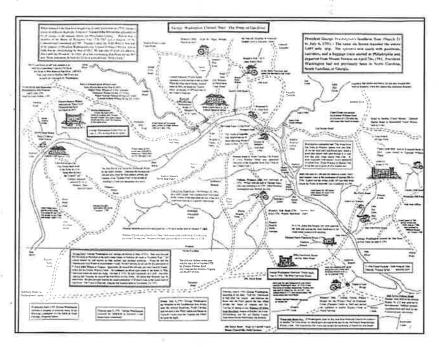


14. **80 Indian Tribes of Virginia & 127 Powhatan Villages** named. 17" X 22"



- 15. **Dan River Plantations & Mills** 20 sketches with Historical Info. Dan's Hill, Berry Hill, Ferry Farm, Briarfield, Oak Hill, Oak Ridge, Laurel Cliff, Bachelor's Hall, Belle Grade, Bridgewater, Ferry Farm, Homes of Wm Bean, Nicholas Perkins, Thos. Harden Perkins, Wm Wynne, Robt Payne, John Dix, Joseph Motley, Thomas Fearn, John Dix Ordinary, Barnett & Townes 1796 Grist Mill, & Wynnes 1754 Grist Mill. History of each. 17.5" X 22.5"
- 16. **Samuel Harris' Fall Creek Plantation**. Pittsylvania County, VA. Survey of 6,592 acres. Col. Samuel Harris commanded Fort Mayo during the French & Indian War and was present when George Washington inspected in 1756. 17.5" X 22.5"
- 17. **Principal Engagements of the Civil War**. Location, dates, Commanders and Men Engaged. 16" X 20"

18. Danville, VA Railroads 1910. Richmond & Danville, Lynchburg & Danville, The Piedmont, Danville & Western ("Dick & Willie"), Atlantic & Danville, Danville Street Car Co., Words to the ballad "Wreck of the old 97," photos of wreck. 17.5" X 22.5" \$5.00



19. President George Washington's Southern Tour 1791 – Entries are shown from George Washington's Diary beginning June 1, 1791. Areas shown are Danville, Virginia; part of Pittsylvania County, Virginia; and Caswell County, North Carolina. George Washington spent the night of Friday, June 3, 1791, at the Whit Gatewood house, crossed on Dix Ferry, and had lunch at Dan's Hill with Colonel John Wilson, who was County Lieutenant during the Revolutionary War. Shown on the map are Laurel Cliff, Bridgewater, Belle Grade, and the homes of Thomas Fearn, Joseph Motley. Also shows Walters' Mill, Dix Mill, Wynne's Mill, Townes & Barnett's Mill, Worsham's Mill,

Bryant's Mill (Keen's Mill), Beaver's Mill, Clark's Mill. Also shown are roads and waterways. 17.5" X 22.5"

- 20. Danville, VA in 1829. Drawing based on Thompson Coleman's writing concerning early homes and businesses of Danville. This is the area from Grove Street Cemetery (c. 1827) down to the canal and Dan River. Residences of Capt. James Lanier (first mayor of Danville), John Ross, George Price, John W. Paxton, Capt. William Linn, Capt. John Noble, Robert Payne Esq., Samuel Patton, General B.W.S. Cabell (his son, Confederate General William Lewis Cabell, was born in this house and was later mayor of Dallas, Texas), Letha Flagg (free mulatto woman and ancestor of the late Rev. Doyle Thomas), Dr. Nathaniel T. Green, and many others. Some of the businesses shown on poster are: the newspaper "The Reporter"; William F. Russell, Tailor; Bell Tavern (later a bank where part of the Confederate gold was kept during the time Danville was the last capital of the Confederacy); Robert Carter's Hatter Shop; Tan Yard; Market House; Pannil's Tobacco Warehouse; Saw Mill with Sash Saw; Flour Mill; Mill with stone for grinding; Linseed Oil Mill with a cotton gin and wool carding machine: Roanoke Navigation Company Canal; Williams Tavern; Dye House; and many more. 11" X 14"
- 21. Capt. John Noble (1785-1858) Estate in North Danville, VA, listing his children and dates. John Noble was born on November 14, 1783 in Boston, Massachusetts. His father was lost at sea and his mother moved to Petersburg, Virginia before 1796. He was apprenticed to a shoemaker. Sometime before 1807, he ran away and settled in Danville. In Nov. of 1821, he bought out Henry Neal's Shoe Shop. He became wealthy and a large landowner. When Capt. Noble died in 1855, he owned 240 acres north of the Toll Bridge (Main Street). The Richmond and

Danville Railroad, completed from Richmond in 1856, is shown on the map (the original was prepared in distribution of his property). The western boundary of the property is the Danville, Franklin, and Botetourt Turnpike, which went 93 miles to Fincastle. The first five miles was completed in 1839 by contractor Robert Townes of Danville. There are many tidbits of historical information about this area of what is now Danville. The location of the old Worsham burial ground is shown. 17.5" X 22.5"

- 22. Ricketts Land Grant and Homestead at Dry Fork, VA 1780 (near White Oak Mountain) History of the Town of Dry Fork. Ten generations of Ricketts in Pittsylvania County (photographs of six generations). Early records misspell the name "Rickles." 17.5" X 22.5"
- 23. Charles Clay Land Grant survey 1755. 9,600 acres from Dan River in Danville to the crest of White Oak Mountain along the Franklin Turnpike. Much Clay family genealogy. 17.5" X 22.5"
- 24. **Confederate Hospitals Danville, VA**. Locations of hospital buildings and list of about 700 men who died there during the Civil War. Poster shows a Map based on drawing made by Freedmen's Bureau in 1865. These Confederate buildings were confiscated at the end of the Civil War. The complex of thirty buildings shows eighteen numbered buildings to be sold as "not of use to the military or government." One of these buildings was later used for the first Black church in Danville. The High Street Baptist and Loyal Baptist Church congregations came from this first church. 17.5" X 22.5"
- 25. Confederate soldiers named Ricketts (Ricket, Rickets, Ricket, etc.). 136 names of soldiers 1861-1865 with rank, company, regiment, and state. 17" X 22"

26. "Roanoke Navigation Co. Danville, VA, Bateau Passage & Water Power." Map of Danville showing the 3,200-foot-long canal with four locks, which was completed in 1824. Several old maps are pictured including 1) A very early map of Winns (Wynnes) Falls and Dan River along the VA/NC line. This is prior to 1793 when the Virginia Legislature established Danville. 2) A map prior to 1824 when the millrace was converted to a canal for bateau. Shows the 1796 mill of Barnett & Townes and the Old Saw Mill. 3) An 1854 map showing the Toll Bridge, the Basin, and three of the four locks (each 90 feet long). 4) An 1877 map of the Free Bridge and canal. 5) Drawing of the old mill near the locks. The Roanoke Navigation Co. completed the canal around the "Great Falls" or "Wynnes Falls" in 1824. The canal system here at Danville, Virginia extended the navigation from the Atlantic Ocean in the area of Roanoke Island/Nags Head, North Carolina up Dan River another 65 miles to Danbury, North Carolina. The Danville Canal system was 3,200 feet long, 30 feet wide and 3 feet deep. There were four locks 90 feet long which raised or lowered the bateau (batteau) barges a total of 27 feet. Traffic was heavy. The 1849 annual report showed that 3,607,341 pounds of manufactured tobacco passed through the canal. Shows the location where Confederate Gen. William Lewis Cabell was born. He was Mayor of Dallas, Texas after the War. Also, the location of a Civil War Gun Factory where Confederate carbines (Keen and Walker) were manufactured. James M. Walker, Mayor of Danville. The site of the "Wreck of the Old 97" (Sep. 27, 1903) is shown on the opposite side of Dan River. There is a Revolutionary War era description of the falls at Danville by Capt. John Smith of the 6th Maryland Regiment on Dec. 25, 1780. There is information about the "True Friends of Charity Colored Church, which was built in 1870 opposite the Court House. The decline in use of the canal

began with the completion of the Richmond and Danville Railroad in 1856. The Danville Depot was a short distance east of the locks. Gen. Benjamin W. S. Cabell was the leading force in construction of the canal. He also promoted the first cotton mill in Danville, which evolved to what became Dan River Inc. Waterpower from the canal provided electricity for what was the first municipal electric company in the United States. 17.5" X 22.5"

- 27. **1922** Chatterbox GWHS Danville, VA. Exact copy of the first issue in 1922 of the Chatterbox. Originally Danville High School (later George Washington High School).
- 28. **Old 97 Engine** weight, HP, wheels. Bells, Whistles. The new engine (36 days from the factory) that wrecked in 1903 with specifications from the Baldwin factory in Philadelphia. The famous song was the first to sell a million records in the 1920s. On quality photographic type paper. 16" X 20"
- 29. **Belle Grade Plantation**. Details and sketches concerning the extensive plantation of Col. Nathaniel Wilson. 17" X 22"
- 30. **Riverside Cotton Mills**. Interesting details, photographs, and drawings of the early days of the mills. 17" X 22"
- 31. **Schoolfield Mill & Village.** Interesting details, photographs, and drawings showing the history of Schoolfield. 17" X 22"

IN A REBEL PRISON

OR

Experiences in Danville Virginia

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